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Dear Partners and Friends,

Good news. Because of your commitment, CBR is *winning hearts, changing minds, and saving lives*. We thank God for raising up faith partners like you, so that we can show people the truth. And because of you, they are responding!

Fletcher, Jane, and John

This Month

GAP at Middle Tennessee State

Future Editions

*Georgia GAP
Kentucky GAP*

Because of you ...

I am pregnant and people want me to have an abortion, including the father. After seeing these pictures, I refuse to.

—22-year-old mother, June 2008

I am pregnant with my third child and, in my circumstance, I was considering an abortion. I can't believe I even considered it after looking at these pictures. The years will pass and my child will make a contribution to the world, no matter how tough it is to get there.

—29-year-old mother, June 2008

I would like to thank CBR for possibly helping me with my daughter not getting an abortion. I applaud all you do, and thank you from my heart.

—expectant grandfather, May 2008

(All comments are edited for space and clarity)

Financial Update

Our commitment to college campuses is working. So we are asking you to make a consistent commitment to our work. Every one of you is important. Here are the numbers:

- Automatic monthly partners – 55
- Other monthly partners – 52
- Other regular partners – 37
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 144 (up 9%)

If you aren't yet on the team, please consider supporting our work on a monthly basis. Another baby's life is at stake.



A steady stream of students view the GAP display and speak with GAP volunteers.

CBR Raids MTSU Again

CBR returned to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) for the third time in September 2007. Politically, Tennessee is an important swing state. As you may recall, Tennessee's 11 electoral votes were enough to swing a very close 2000 presidential election to pro-life candidate George Bush. In 2006, pro-life senatorial candidate Bob Corker won a very close election over abortion advocate Harold Ford. Pro-life voters made the difference in both of these elections.

As the state's largest undergraduate university, MTSU's strategic importance cannot be overstated. That's why we started the MTSU Pro-Life Collegians (PLC) in 2005, and that's why we need to make GAP an annual event at MTSU.

The media coverage of GAP was extensive. On Day 1, the MTSU Sidelines (the student newspaper) printed an editorial by Dr. Robert Glenn, the Vice-President of Student Affairs, explaining the First Amendment and addressing some of the common anti-GAP arguments:

... if we value the First Amendment, we must carefully safeguard all expressions, even those we don't like. Or, perhaps I should say, especially those that we don't like because when we step on the slippery slope of making judgments

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about what expressions are acceptable, our own expressions may soon be in jeopardy.

The second argument is, "I shouldn't have to see this. I am a student here and my education is paramount and anything that interferes with that education should be suppressed or controlled." You would be partially correct. You shouldn't have to see this if you don't want to, so turn your head. If you don't want to see this, avoid the Knoll. ... The choice is yours. The courts have consistently ruled that some occasional discomfort is not sufficient reason to bar an expression otherwise guaranteed under the First Amendment.

The third argument is that the display should be moved to some remote location on campus rather than right in the center of things here on the Knoll. At the very least, some argue, we should require that a tent be erected, or the pictures should be turned around so that you have to go inside to see them. While this seems appealing to many, it is clearly a form of censorship.

The Knoll was selected [as our free-speech area] precisely because it is in the center of campus and allows persons to express views to the maximum number of people with the least possible impact on the actual business of the university: classes. To move the display to a lesser-traveled area, or to erect physical barriers because we feel the content is offensive is viewpoint discrimination, plain and simple. It is censorship. We will not do it.

As you might guess, we encounter few administrators who understand the First Amendment as well as Dr. Glenn.

Over the next few days, the Sidelines ran a trio of anti-GAP editorials, mostly incoherent or self-contradictory. GAP Project Director Mick Hunt wrote an on-line response to one of the editorials, and one of the Sidelines editors liked it so much that he asked Mick if he could reprint the piece in the print edition. CBR-SE Director Fletcher Armstrong also wrote a letter to the Sidelines that was printed in full. To see all of the coverage, go to www.MTSUsidelines.com, search for the word "abortion," and look for items that appeared in September.

Every time we do GAP, we are very careful to make sure all of our volunteers act in a Christ-like manner. In a letter to the Sidelines, student Daniel Rogers wrote, "... every person I saw representing [CBR] was kind and level-headed. They would talk to someone for hours ..." Thank you, Daniel!

We love it when protestors show up, because they help highlight the difference between our arguments and theirs. Two students, one male and one female (perhaps a couple), first spoke to the protestors and then came over to speak with one of our GAP volunteers. They asked a lot of questions and listened intently as we explained the pro-life position. At the end of the discussion, the man said, "You present a much more logical viewpoint than the other side." Then they walked over and signed up for the Pro-Life Collegians!

A Post-Abortive Woman Speaks

I am post-abortive, and I have worked at crisis pregnancy centers for much of my adult life, trying to help other women find healing through God's forgiveness. But I always thought that these pictures were harsh and divisive ... a bit too extreme for me. Then I was confronted with an abortion video that uses some of the same pictures that you use for GAP, and I realized that these pictures show the reality of abortion. These pictures show that abortion is violent and gruesome. It is not a tidy and neat "choice." I have shown videos and pictures like this to young girls considering abortion over the last ten years, and I can say that the pictures have much more of an impact than any words I could use to persuade them. Sometimes it's hard to look at the pictures, but it is the truth, and that is what can really change minds and save people's lives.

Debbie Newburn, crisis pregnancy counselor, Knoxville



GAP creates a remarkable opportunity for Pastor Joseph Parker to speak truth to this group of young people.



A young woman in quiet contemplation.